

ASSEMBLY and OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS



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Specifications

Large HVLP Spray Gun			
Inlet PSI Range	30 to 35 PSI, 35 PSI Max.		
Air Consumption	9 SCFM @ 35 PSI		
Paint Capacity	20 oz. (500 cc)		
Air Inlet	1/4" - 18 NPS		
Nozzle Size	0.0551 inch (1.4mm)		
Feed Type	Gravity feed		

Small HVLP Spray Gun			
Inlet PSI Range	25 to 32 PSI, 32 PSI Max.		
Air Consumption	5 SCFM @ 30 PSI		
Paint Capacity	4.2 oz. (125 cc)		
Air Inlet	1/4" - 18 NPS		
Nozzle Size	0.039 inches (1mm)		
Feed Type	Gravity feed		

Save This Manual

You will need the manual for the safety warnings and precautions, assembly instructions, operating and maintenance procedures, parts list and diagram. Keep your invoice with this manual. Write the invoice number on the inside of the front cover. Keep the manual and invoice in a safe and dry place for future reference.

Safety Warnings and Precautions

WARNING: When using tool, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of personal injury and damage to equipment.

Read all instructions before using this tool!

- 1. Keep work area clean. Cluttered areas invite injuries.
- 2. **Observe work area conditions**. Do not use machines or power tools in damp or wet locations. Don't expose to rain. Keep work area well lit. Do not use air tools in the presence of flammable gases or liquids.
- 3. **Keep children away**. Children must never be allowed in the work area. Do not let them handle machines, tools, extension cords, or air hoses.
- 4. **Store idle equipment**. When not in use, tools must be stored in a dry location to inhibit rust. Always lock up tools and keep out of reach of children.
- 5. **Use the right tool for the job**. Do not attempt to force a small tool or attachment to do the work of a larger industrial tool. There are certain applications for which this tool was designed. It will do the job better and more safely at the rate for which it was intended. Do not modify this tool and do not use this tool for a purpose for which it was not intended.

- 6. **Dress properly**. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry as they can be caught in moving parts. Protective, electrically nonconductive clothes and nonskid footwear are recommended when working. Wear restrictive hair covering to contain long hair.
- 7. **Use eye and ear protection**. Always wear ANSI approved impact safety goggles.



Always wear an ANSI approved dust mask or respirator when using this Spray Gun.

- 8. **Do not overreach**. Keep proper footing and balance at all times. Do not reach over or across running machines or air hoses.
- 9. **Maintain tools with care**. Keep tools clean for better and safer performance. Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories. Inspect tool cords and air hoses periodically and, if damaged, have them repaired by an authorized technician. The handle must be kept clean, dry, and free from oil and grease at all times.
- 10. **Disconnect air supply**. Release any built-up pressure and disconnect air hose when not in use, when changing accessories, and/or during maintenance.
- 11. **Remove adjusting wrenches**. Check that adjusting wrenches are removed from the tool before attaching to the air source.
- 12. **Avoid unintentional starting**. Be sure the trigger is in the Off position when not in use and before attaching to the air source. Do not carry any tool with your finger on the trigger, whether it is attached to the air compressor or not.
- 13. **Stay alert**. Watch what you are doing, use common sense. Do not operate any tool when you are tired.
- 14. **Check for damaged parts**. Before using any tool, any part that appears damaged should be carefully checked to determine that it will operate properly and perform its intended function. Check for alignment and binding of moving parts; any broken parts or mounting fixtures; and any other condition that may affect proper operation. Any part that is damaged should be properly repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. Do not use the tool if the trigger does not operate properly.
- 15. **Replacement parts and accessories**. When servicing, use only identical replacement parts. Use of any other parts will void the warranty. Only use accessories intended for use with this tool. Approved accessories are available from Harbor Freight Tools.
- 16. **Do not operate tool if under the influence of alcohol or drugs**. Read warning labels if taking prescription medicine to determine if your judgement or reflexes are impaired while taking drugs. If there is any doubt, do not operate the tool.
- 17. **Use proper size and type extension cord**. If an extension cord is required for the compressor, it must be of the proper size and type to supply the correct current to the compressor without heating up. Otherwise, the extension cord could melt and catch

fire, or cause electrical damage to the compressor. Check your compressor's manual for the appropriate size cord.

- Maintenance. For your safety, maintenance should be performed regularly by a qualified technician and the unit must be thoroughly cleaned out after every use. <u>Improper</u> <u>cleaning of the Spray Gun is a common reason for the Spray Gun to jam or not</u> <u>perform properly.</u>
- 19. **Compressed air only**. Never use combustible gas as a power source. Never exceed the recommended operating pressure of the any of the parts (i.e. hoses, fittings, gun) of the Sprayer system.
- 20. **Do not spray near open flames, pilot lights, stoves, heaters, the air compressor, or any other heat source**. Most solvents and coatings are highly flammable, particularly when sprayed. Maintain a distance of at least 25 feet from the air compressor. If possible, locate the air compressor in a separate room. **Do not smoke while spraying.**
- 21. **Read all of the information concerning coating products and cleaning solvents.** Chlorinated solvents (e.g. 1-1-1 Trichlorethylene and Methylene Chloride, also known as methyl chloride) can chemically react with aluminum and may explode. Many paint sprayers contain aluminum. If you have any doubt about potential chemical reactions, contact the solvent or coating manufacturer.
- 22. **Materials used when painting or cleaning may be harmful or fatal if inhaled or swallowed**. Only use in an area with adequate ventilation. Use a respirator or mask when painting or using cleaning solvents.
- 23. Never release the sprayer lid while the cup is pressurized.
- 24. Industrial applications must follow OSHA requirements.
- 25. **Never point a spray gun at a person or animal**. Serious injury could occur.
- 26. **Spraying hazardous materials may result in serious injury or death.** Do not spray pesticides, acids, corrosive materials, fertilizers, and toxic chemicals.
- 27. **WARNING:** The brass components of this product contain lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects (or other reproductive harm). (California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, *et seq.*)
- 28. **Do not exceed the maximum of 35 PSI for these spray guns.**

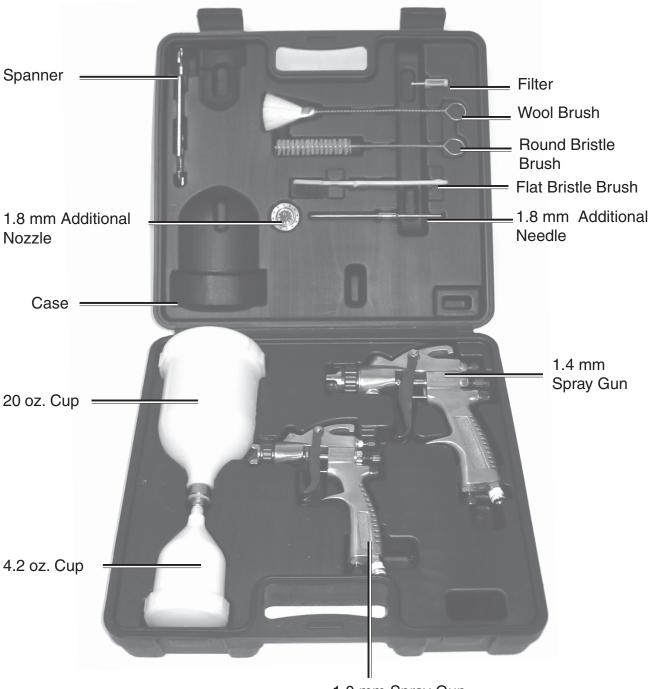
Note: Performance of the compressor (if powered by line voltage) may vary depending on variations in local line voltage. Extension cord usage may also affect tool performance.

WARNING: The warnings, cautions, and instructions discussed in this instruction manual cannot cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. It must be understood by the operator that common sense and caution are factors which cannot be built into this product, but must be supplied by the operator.

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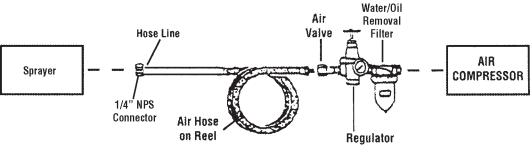
Unpacking

When unpacking, check to make sure the product is intact and undamaged. If any parts are missing or broken, please call Harbor Freight Tools at: 1-00-444-3353 as soon as possible.



1.0 mm Spray Gun

Air Connection



Recommended Air Line Components

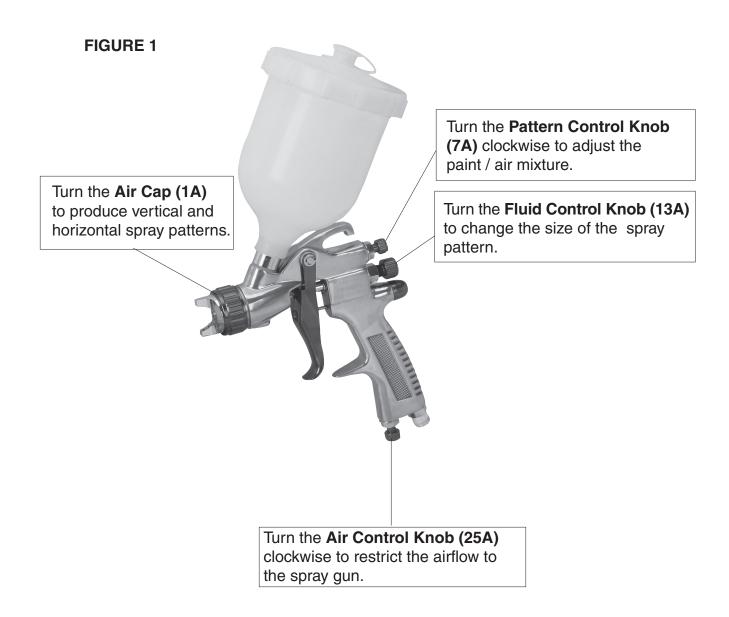
For best service you should incorporate a regulator and inline filter, as shown in the diagram above. Hoses, couplers, regulators, and filters are all available at Harbor Freight Tools.

Note: Compressor pumps discharge condensed water, oil, or other contaminants along with the compressed air. Condensation causes "fish eyes" to appear in paint patterns. To avoid this problem, install water/oil removal filters and controls (not included) as close to the Spray Gun as possible. If run through the Gun, water and oil will cause damage.

- 1. You will need to prepare a 1/4" air connector (sold separately) to connect to the air inlet on the Spray Gun. First, wrap the 1/4" air connector (not included) with pipe thread seal tape before threading it into the Air Inlet (26A). Connect the 3/8" ID Air Source Hose to the Spray Gun.
- 2. Set the air pressure on your compressor to 35 PSI. Do not exceed the maximum air pressure of 35 PSI to the spray guns.
- 3. Check the air connection for leaks and then <u>disconnect the tool from the air source</u>.

Control Layout

All of the instructions that follow referance part numbers for the larger spray gun. The small spray gun is assembled, operated and maintained the same way. During the following procedure, refer to the Assembly Drawing on page 14 and 15.



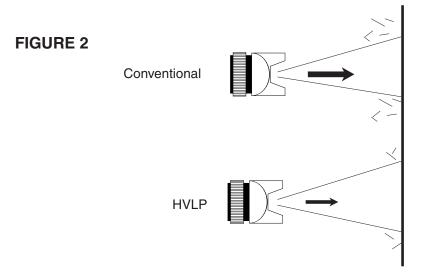
A Comparison: Conventional versus HVLP Spray Guns

Because conventional spray guns require a much higher air cap pressure to atomize the paint than HVLP Spray Guns, conventional guns have lower transfer efficiencies and more overspray. This translates to a significant paint/material savings for HVLP guns, in addition to making them more environmentally friendly.

To qualify as HVLP, the dynamic air pressure going in the Air Cap must be a maximum of 10 PSI. The lower the air pressure, the less bounce back and overspray.

Due to the viscosity of latex and other water-based paints, they are not recommended for use with HVLP paint spraying systems.

See FIGURE 2 below.



Preparation

Note: Proper paint material mixture helps to ensure less problems. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's directions. Most materials will spray readily if they are thinned properly.

General tips for Preparation:

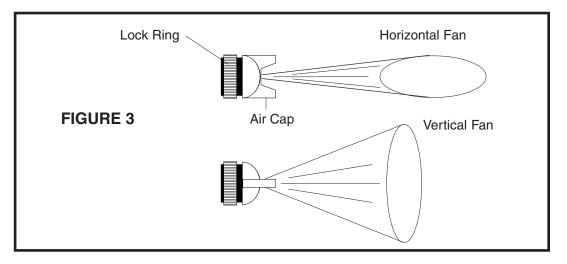
- 1. Mix and thin the paint/materials thoroughly according to the manufacturer's directions.
- 2. Carefully strain the paint/material through a paint strainer or piece of cheese cloth.
- 3. Fill the Cup (31A) to approximately 3/4 full.
- 4. Start the air compressor.
- 5. To adjust the spray pattern, set up a piece of scrap material to practice on. While practicing on the scrap material, check to see that the material you are spraying has the appropriate consistency. If it appears to thin, add a very small amount of thinner (not included). **BE CAREFUL** when thinning. Proceed slowly, adding very minimal amounts. **NEVER** exceed the manufacturer's thinning recommendations.

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Fan Direction and Pattern Adjustment

Fan Direction

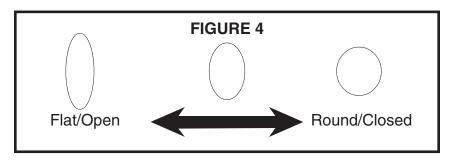
To change the direction of the fan from horizontal to vertical, loosen the Lock Ring and turn the Air Cap (1A) 90 degrees. After the adjustment, tighten the Lock Ring by hand. See **FIGURE 3** below.



Pattern Adjustment

Warning!! Never exceed the Maximum Inlet PSI of MAX PSI.

- 1. Adjust the air pressure during operation with the Trigger (23A) fully depressed and the Air Control Knob (25A) (see **FIGURE 1** on page 6) fully open. If you need to reduce the air pressure for specific areas, use the Air Control Knob (25A) or adjust the air compressor.
- To set the pattern size specific to the job, use the Pattern Control Knob (7A) (see FIGURE 1 on page 6). By turning it counterclockwise (all the way open), the pattern will flatten. Turn the Pattern Control Knob (7A) clockwise for a round pattern. See FIGURE 4 below.



Fan Direction and Pattern Adjustment (continued)

- 3. Turn the Fluid Control Knob (13A) clockwise until it is fully closed. See **FIG 1** on page 6.
- 4. After setting up a piece of scrap material, squeeze the Trigger (23A) all the way in short bursts while turning the Fluid Control Knob (13A) counterclockwise and observe the spray patterns until you see the pattern you want. Also, look at the pattern for consistency. Too much air may cause the spray to come out too fine. Reduce the air pressure or allow more material to come out by opening the Fluid Control Knob (13A). If the spray appears too thick (you see globs of paint), close down the Fluid Control Knob (13A) slowly, checking the mixture after each adjustment. See **FIGURE 5** below.



FIGURE 5

Viscosity

Viscosity is the technical term used to indicate the liquidity (thickness or thinness) of the material to be sprayed. Viscosity is measured in the number of seconds required for the material to pass through a Viscosimeter. These sprayers can spray materials with a viscosity ranging from 10, to a maximum of 60. Material with a higher viscosity can be used only with watersoluble products (outdoor and indoor wall applications). Use high quality products. The following table gives some guidelines on thinning.

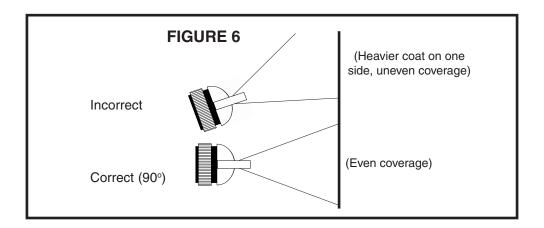
To test the viscosity of a material:

- 1. Place your finger over a Viscosimeter (not supplied) output hole.
- 2. Fill the Viscosimeter to the top with the material to be sprayed.
- 3. While holding the Viscosimeter over the material source can, let go of the output hole and count the number of seconds it takes for it to empty completely. The number of seconds is the viscosity rating.

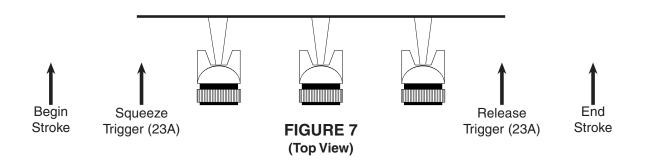
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Techniques

- **Note:** Before spraying, mask all objects you do not want sprayed and lay cloths (not included) on the floors.
- 1. Always keep the gun at right angles to the workpiece (See **FIGURE 6**). Pull the Trigger (23A) slowly and move the Spray Gun in parallel strokes to the object being painted. Keep the distance from the object being painted at 6" to 9". This may slightly differ depending on the flow adjustment and the material being sprayed. Do not stop the gun movement while spraying. If you stop the gun for even just a slight pause while spraying, the paint will build up and run down the workpiece.



2. To ensure you don't allow paint to build up, start moving the Spray Gun before you squeeze the Trigger (23A). When you are finished spraying, release the Trigger (23A) before you stop moving the Spray Gun. Doing so will eliminate distinct overlaps, producing a blended (feathered) affect. See **FIGURE 7** below.



- **Note:** The speed of the stroke, the adjustment of the Fluid Control Knob (13A), and the distance from the workpiece, will determine how much paint is being applied. To get the best results, try to apply two thin coats of paint versus one thick coat.
- 3. Clean out the gun thoroughly after EVERY use, according to the instructions found on the next page.

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IMPORTANT: The Spray Gun must be cleaned IMMEDIATELY after use. Improper cleaning is a common reason for the Spray Gun not to work properly. Materials dry quickly which will render the gun useless. It is extremely difficult to remove dry paint from small passages within the Gun.

Maintenance

SOLVENT SELECTION

Always follow the paint manufacturer's recommendations for cleaning, solvent type, and disposing of used solvent.

Latex Paints: Use warm, soapy water.

IMPORTANT: <u>Do not use mineral spirits on latex paints</u> or the mixture will congeal making it very difficult to remove.

Oil Based Paints: Use mineral spirits.

IF A FLAMMABLE SOLVENT NEEDS TO BE USED, ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING:



- 1. Follow all of the solvent manufacturer's clean up instructions and safety precautions at all times.
- 2. Always flush the Spray Gun a full hose length from the air compressor.
- 3. If collecting flushed solvents into a metal container, transfer into a larger nonmetal container, and flush the metal container.
- 4. Work far away from any ignition sources in a vapor free area.

After each use:

- 1. Empty the Paint Cup (31A) and clean it with the solvent.
- 2. Fill the Paint Cup (31A) with solvent and spray it through the Gun into a container, while shaking the gun. Once the Paint Cup (31A) is empty, repeat the process until the solvent comes out clean.

Disconnect from the air source. After disconnecting, be aware that air pressure may still remain in the Spray Gun. Point the Gun into the spent solvent container and squeeze the Trigger again to make sure no air remains.

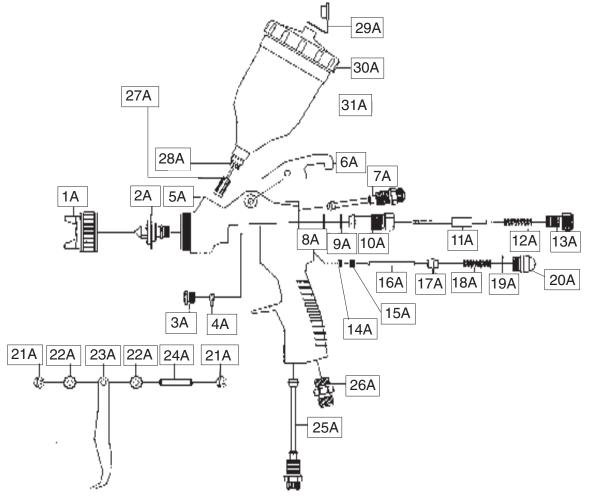
3. Remove the Air Cap and soak it in solvent until it is clean. Use an old toothbrush and toothpicks to remove any material. **Do not use metal objects to clean the Air Cap or you may damage the drilled passages**. Inspect the fluid needle and make sure it is not bent. If it is bent, have it replaced by a certified service technician.

Warning! Do not immerse the Spray Gun Body in solvent!

- 4. Use the appropriate solvent (depending on the material sprayed) to wipe down the Gun body.
- 5. Always lubricate the Spray Gun after cleaning. You may use a non-silicon oil or a light lubricant on all threaded connections prior to storing the unit.
- 6. **Disposal:** After cleaning your Spray Gun, properly dispose of your cleaning solutions according to the solution manufacturer's direction and local hazardous waste standards.

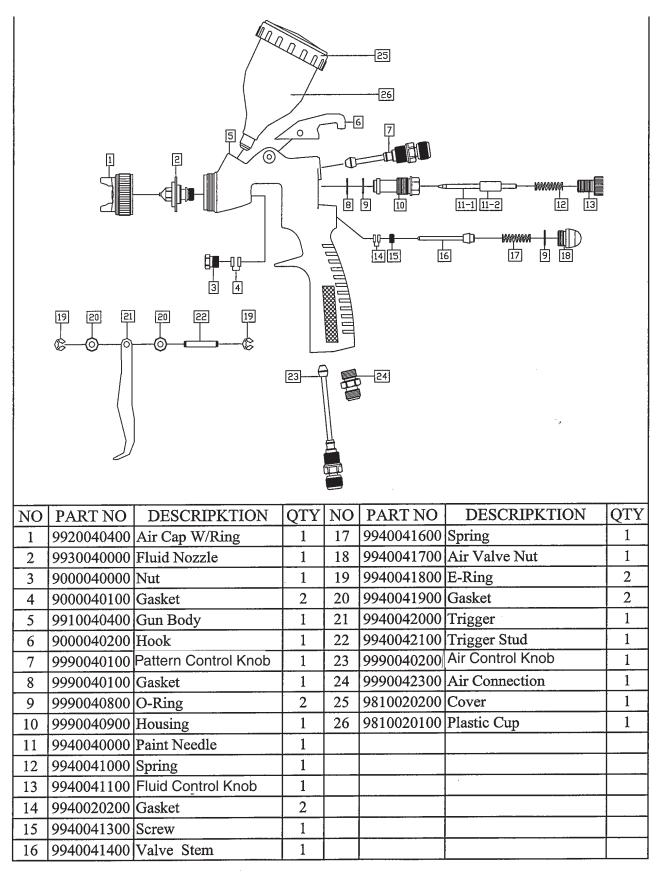
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Assembly Diagram And Parts List For 1.4mm Spray Gun



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1A	Air Cap W/Ring	1	17A	Piston	1 .
2A	Fluid Nozzle	1	18A	Spring	1
3A	Nut	1	19A	O-Ring	. 1
4A	Gasket	2	20A	Air Valve Nut	1
5A	Gun Body	1	21A	E-Ring	2
6A	Hook	1	22A	Gasket	2
7A	Pattern Control Knob	1	23A	Trigger	1
8A	Gasket	1	24A	Trigger Stud	1
9A	O-Ring	1	25A	Air Control Knob	1
10A	Housing	1	26A	Air Connection	1
11A	Paint Needle	1	2 <u>7</u> A	Filter	1
12A	Spring	1	28A	Gasket	1
13A	Fluid Control Knob	1	29A	Non-drip Control Device	1
14A	Gasket	2	30A	Cover	1
15A	Screw	1	31A	Plestic Cup	1
16A	Stem	.1		•	

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Troubleshooting Spray Pattern Diagnosis

The Patterns below resemble symptoms of spray pattern problems. Please refer to the accompanying possible problems if you are experiencing similar difficulties. The solution to each problem follows the problem in parentheses.

Problem 1:

- 1. The Pattern Control Knob (7A) is partially closed. Open Pattern Control Knob (7A).
- 2. The material is too thick. (Thin material according to the manufacturer's instructions.)
- 3. The air pressure is too low. Increase air pressure to 35 PSI.

Problem 2:

- 1. High air pressure. (Reduce air pressure.)
- 2. Not enough fluid. (Increase fluid.)
- 3. Pattern Control Knob (7A) open too much. Partially close Pattern Control Knob (7A).

Problem 3:

- 1. Air Cap plugged. (Clean the Air Cap.)
- 2. Air cap loose or dirty seat. (Clean and tighten.)
- 3. Dried material on fluid tip. (Use a nonmetallic point to clean the Air Cap.)

Problem 4:

- 1. Dirt on one side of the fluid tip. (Clean the fluid tip.)
- 2. Holes on one side of the Air cap are plugged. (Clean the Air cap with a nonmetallic point.)

IMPORTANT: Improper cleaning is a common reason for the unit not to work properly. Most problems can be avoided or remedied with prompt, thorough cleaning.

Troubleshooting	(continued)
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Problem		
Cause Sputtering Spray Solution	 Low material level Cup tipped too far Clogged Air Vent Loose fluid inlet connections Dry or loose fluid needle Packing Nut Loose/damaged fluid tip/seat 	 Refill Hold upright Clean vent hole Tighten Lubricate and/or tighten Adjust or replace
Will Not Spray	 No pressure at gun Fluid control not open enough Fluid too thick 	 Check air hoses Open fluid control Thin fluid or increase air pressure (within Maximum range)
Overspray	 Improper application speed Improper distance from workpiece Too much air pressure 	 Move moderately and parallel Adjust distance Reduce air pressure
Fluid Tip Leakage	 Dirty tip Tight Packing Nut Broken fluid needle spring Worn or damaged tip 	 Clean Loosen Packing Nut Replace Replace tip and/or needle
Air Leaking from Air Cap	 Dirty air valve/seat Sticking air valve Damaged air valve spring Worn/damaged air valve/seat Bent valve stem 	 Clean Lubricate Replace Replace Replace Replace
Fluid Leaking from Packing Nut	 Packing Nut loose Packing worn or dry 	 Tighten without restricting Replace or lubricate (non-silicone)

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NOTE: Some parts are listed and shown for illustration purposes only and are not available individually as replacement parts.

If the steps above do not solve the problem or if the repairs involved are too complex, contact a qualified technician.

For technical questions, please call 1-800-444-3353.

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